GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Ramayana Tourist Circuit
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to build Ramayana Circuit in order to encourage tourism;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated by the Government in this regard during the last two years;
(c) whether the Government proposes to include Chitrakoot and Satna districts of Madhya Pradesh in Ramayana Circuit;
(d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to develop 84 Kosi Parikarma of Rampath Gaman; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme for Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country in the year 2014-15. The Ramayana Circuit is one of the thirteen thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme.

The destinations initially identified for development under Ramayana Circuit include: Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringverpur & Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh), Sitamarhi, Buxar & Darbhanga (Bihar), Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh), Mahendragiri (Odisha), Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh), Nashik & Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhadrachalam (Telangana), Hampi (Karnataka) and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu).

Development and promotion of tourism infrastructure is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UTs. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for projects which are identified in consultations with the State Governments/UTs. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project 'Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur under Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh' in 2016-17 with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.69.45 crores.

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